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**WALKER VETOES ENTIRE COUNTY BOARD BUDGET
Walker Calls For A “Do Over” On Budget**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker took the bold step today of vetoing the entire budget submitted by the Milwaukee County Board. At a ceremony at KEI in Oak Creek, Walker was joined by Milwaukee County taxpayers tired of ever-increasing property taxes.

“The budget passed by the County Board last Monday overtaxes, overspends, doesn’t address the pension liability, ignores our efficiency proposals and – worst of all – puts back government jobs without paying for them. It requires a ‘do over,’” said Walker.

If enacted, the County Board’s budget would raise the property tax levy by nearly \$9 million.

The County Board’s budget restored positions that were eliminated in Walker’s recommended budget. However, the board failed to fully fund those positions, which will cause the budget to deficit by over \$6.5 million.

“Adding these jobs back with only funding for about three months worth of pay based on the hope that the union will bail them out is like buying a big house based on the hope that you can pay the mortgage when you win the lottery,” said Walker.

The County Board also relies on nearly \$6.25 million to lower the pension contribution. These savings come as a result of a proposal in Walker’s recommended budget to use Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs). The County Board does not, however, approve the use of the POBs. This will increase the pension liability for future budgets.

“I promised the taxpayers of Milwaukee County that I would not pay for the pension scandals of the past with higher property taxes and for the 5th straight budget, I have kept that promise,” said Walker.

The full County Board will vote on Walker’s veto on Wednesday.

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